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IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, REQUEST FOLLOWING BE  
CONVEYED TO POLES:

1. THE UNITED STATES HEREBY PROPOSES SOLUTIONS TO THE  
FOLLOWING TWO OUTSTANDING ISSUES DEALING WITH THE FINANCING  
OF TRAVEL COSTS OF PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN PROJECTS FINANCED  
FROM THE JOINT FUND: HOW TO DISBURSE AND ACCOUNT FOR PER  
DIEM UNDER AMERICAN-FINANCED PROJECTS AND HOW TO PAY FOR  
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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL UNDER POLISH-FINANCED PROJECTS. A

POLISH RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY THE END OF JANUARY, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF REACHING AN AGREED POSITION BEFORE THE NEXT JOINT BOARD MEETING.

(A) US BUDGETARY PLANNING HAS INCLUDED IN THE 558 MILLION ZLOTYS US CONTRIBUTION TO THE JOINT FUND CALLED FOR BY THE OCTOBER 8, 1974 AGREEMENT THE AMOUNTS FOR PER DIEM OF AMERICANS TRAVELING UNDER AMERICAN-FINANCED PROJECTS. BECAUSE OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES IF POLISH

INSTITUTIONS RECEIVING THE GRANTS WERE TO PAY THIS PER DIEM, THE JOINT FUND IS NOT NOW BEING USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. HOWEVER, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT POLAND IS WILLING TO MATCH ALL US CONTRIBUTIONS, INCLUDING ITEMS IN SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAMS WHICH ARE DISBURSED DIRECTLY BY THE EMBASSY. THE UNITED STATES THEREFORE PROPOSES THAT AMOUNTS FOR PER DIEM OF AMERICANS IN THE BUDGETS OF APPROVED PROJECTS, AND OTHER ITEMS WHICH IT IS MORE PRACTICAL FOR THE EMBASSY TO DISBURSE DIRECTLY, BE PAID INTO THE JOINT FUND AND THEN BE PLACED IN A SPECIAL JOINT FUND BANK ACCOUNT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AS PART OF THE JOINT FUND.

(B) WE UNDERSTAND THAT POLAND IS RELUCTANT TO DISBURSE DOLLARS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL IN SUPPORT OF POLISH-FINANCED PROJECTS. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO MECHANISM WHEREBY US-OWNED CONVERTIBLE ZLOTYS IN THE TRAVEL FUND CAN BE USED FOR POLISH-FINANCED PROJECTS. IN FACT, THIS WAS NOT CONTEMPLATED BY THE US IN ENTERING INTO THE JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT. ACCORDINGLY, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT FOR POLAND TO MEET THE DOLLAR AS WELL AS THE ZLOTY COSTS OF POLISH-FINANCED PROJECTS, JUST AS THE U.S. IS MEETING DOLLAR AS WELL AS ZLOTY COSTS OF U.S.-FINANCED PROJECTS.

2. THE U.S. BELIEVES IT WOULD BE TIME-WASTING AND COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO ADD ITEM ON "METHOD OF CONTRIBUTION TO FUND" TO JOINT BOARD MEETING AGENDA SINCE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS DO NOT PRECLUDE BROAD RANGE OF COOPERATION (SEE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE I IN FUNDING AGREEMENT). THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISSUE OF METHODS OF CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN DISCUSSED MANY TIMES IN THE PAST AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT EITHER SIDE WOULD HAVE ANYTHING NEW TO SAY. KISSINGER

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